Page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, line 16, change "metal complex salts" to --salts, its metal complexes--;

line 23, delete "of".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 15, line 1, change "CLAIMS" to --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--

Please cancel 2 to 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new claims:

--17. A method of cosmetic care comprising delivering to skin or hair of a person in need thereof, a cosmetically effective amount of an ellagic component selected from the group consisting of ellagic acid, an ellagic acid salt, an ellagic acid metal complex, an ellagic acid monoether, an ellagic acid polyether, an ellagic acid monoacylated compound, an ellagic acid polyacylated compound, optionally in combination with a cosmetically acceptable excipient.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a cosmetic composition comprising from 0.001% to 5% by weight of said ellagic component.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a cosmetic composition comprising from

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0.01% to 5% by weight of said ellagic component.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a cosmetic composition comprising from 0.01% to 1% by weight of said ellagic component.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a cosmetic composition further containing at least one substance selected from the group consisting of a substance which promotes synthesis of at least one extracellular matrix constituent of the of the skin and a substance which regulates the formation of the skin corneal layer.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein said substance is selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a tocopherol, a xanthine, a retinoid, an extract of Centella asiatica, asiatic acid, madecassic acid, a glycosylated asiatic acid, a glycosylated madecassic acid, an extract of Siegesbecka orientalis, an extract of Commiphora mukul, an extract of Eriobotrya japonica and a mineral compound.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said vitamin is selected from the group consisting of a vitamin of group A, an ester of a vitamin of group A, a vitamin of group C and an ester of vitamin of group C; said xanthine is caffeine or theophylline; said retinoid is vitamin A acid; said glycosylated asiatic acid is asiaticoside and said

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~~glycosylated madecassic acid is madecassoside.~~

24. The method of claim ~~21~~ 22, wherein said mineral compound is selected from the group consisting of a magnesium compound, a manganese compound, a silicon compound and a zinc compound.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said magnesium compound is selected from the group consisting of magnesium chloride and magnesium aspartate, said manganese compound is manganese chloride, and said silicon compound is a silanol.

26. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic acid salt is selected from the group consisting of an ellagic acid alkali metal salt, an ellagic acid alkaline earth metal salt, an ellagic acid amine salt, and an ellagic acid amino acid salt.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein said alkali metal is sodium and said alkaline earth metal is calcium, said amine is selected from the group consisting of methylglutamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine, choline and bis-triethylamine, and said amino acid is a basic amino acid is arginine, lysine or ornitine.

28. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic acid metal complex contains a metal selected from the group consisting of zinc and copper.

29. The method of claim 17, wherein the monoacylated and

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polyacylated ellagic acid comprises a saturated or unsaturated acyl group having from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said acyl group is an acyl moiety of an acid selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, palmitic acid, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, arachidonic acid, stearic acid, brassidic acid, erucic acid, behenic acid and (all Z)-5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaenoic acid.

31. The method of claim 17, wherein said ether moiety in the ellagic acid monoether and the ellagic acid polyether is an alkoxy moiety comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

32. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic acid monoether or ellagic acid polyether is a condensation product of at least one ellagic acid hydroxyl group with a sugar.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein said sugar is selected from the group consisting of glucose, arabinose, rhamnose and galactose.

34. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is selected from the group consisting of 3-methoxyellagic acid, 3-methoxyellagic acid monoether, 3-methoxyellagic acid polyether and a 3-methoxyellagic acid sugar condensation product.

35. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a composition further comprising at

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least one substance selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic C_3-C_{12} alpha-hydroxy acid, an amino acid, a ceramide, a glycoceramide, a phospholipid, a slimming agent, an extract of Coleus, an extract of Tephrosia, an agent for combating stretch marks, an agent for protecting or improving microcirculation of blood and a sunscreen.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein said alpha-hydroxy acid is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, malic acid and lactic acid; said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of arginine, citrulline and threonine; said slimming agent is forskolin; said agent for combating stretch marks is an extract of horse-chestnut or escin; said agent for protecting or improving the blood microcirculation is a bioflavonoid of Ginkgo biloba and said sunscreen is selected from the group consisting of a titanium oxide, acyl methoxycinnamate and a sunscreen of a vegetable origin.

37. The method of claim 17, wherein said ellagic component is present in a composition further comprising at least one further active substance selected from the group consisting of an antidandruff agent, an antiseborrhea agent and an agent for stimulating the blood microcirculation.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein said antidandruff agent is selected from the group consisting of an extract of Arctium lappa, chloroxylenol, resorcinol and zinc pyrithione;

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said antiseborrhea agent is a 5α-reductase inhibitor; and said agent for stimulating the blood microcirculation is cepharanthine or methyl nicotinate.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein said 5α-reductase inhibitor is an extract of Pygeum africanum.

40. The method of claim 17, wherein said cosmetic care method is selected from the group consisting of improving cohesion between dermis and epidermis, toning up skin, slowing down appearance of signs of skin ageing, slowing down appearance of wrinkles or reducing their depth, and improving hair condition.

41. The method of claim 17, wherein said cosmetic care method is for increasing content of collagen VII in the skin.

42. A method of treatment of a patient suffering from a symptom or pathological condition associated with an insufficiency of collagen VII, comprising administering to the person a pharmaceutically effective amount of an ellagic component selected from the group consisting of ellagic acid, an ellagic acid salt, an ellagic acid metal complex, an ellagic acid monoether, an ellagic acid polyether, an ellagic acid monoacylated compound, and an ellagic acid polyacylated compound, optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein said treatment is

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